

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE/OPELOUSAS DIVISION

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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GREIG, ET AL.,)
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Plaintiffs,) No. 6:2000cv00603
)
v.) Judge Doherty
) Mag. Judge Methvin
)
CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, ET AL.,)
)
Defendants.) _____

UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

The United States respectfully submits this notice of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Rules 41(a)(1) and 41(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

On March 29, 2000, private plaintiffs filed suit in the above-captioned case against the City of St. Martinville, alleging constitutional and statutory violations resulting from the City's failure to conduct a city council election since 1990. The plaintiffs also named the United States as a defendant. On June 5, 2000, the United States was dismissed as a defendant and realigned as a plaintiff as a result of the United States' cross-claim against Defendant City of St. Martinville based on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973. The United States' cross-claim against the City was filed on June 2, 2000. To date, Defendant City of St. Martinville has not filed an Answer to the United States' June 2, 2000 cross-claim.

Because this Notice of Voluntary Dismissal has been filed "before service by the adverse party of an answer," the United States' action to voluntarily dismiss its claims "may be [taken] ... without order of court." Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1); 41(c) ("The provisions of this rule apply to the dismissal of any counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim.").

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully DISMISSES its claims under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973, against Defendant City of St. Martinville pursuant to Rules 41(a)(1) and 41(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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